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PATENT

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Patent Application of
HIDEO YOKOTA *et al.*

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For: CUTTING OR GRINDING OIL
COMPOSITION

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (three months) to and including June 19, 2002.

Please amend the application without prejudice as follows, including the changes shown in the attached mark-up version.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A cutting or grinding oil composition for a minimal quantity lubrication system comprising at least 20 percent by mass of an ester based on a total amount of the composition, wherein the composition has a kinematic viscosity of 1 to 100 mm²/s at 40 °C.--

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 8 and 16.

Please ~~add~~ the following new claims:

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